Board of Works	$762 14	
Registry office	96 60	
Election expenses	59 00	
Administration of Justice, witn'ses	7 00	
City pound	12 50	
		51617 31
Total expenditure		$215328 25

A. G. SMYTH,
B. SCHRAM,
Auditors

London, November 20th, 1878.

Ald. Egan, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee:—

"Your Committee, in view of the approaching completion of the water works, would recommend that a suitable and becoming demonstration be held to celebrate the most important event that has occurred in the history of the city, and one in almost every respect unparalleled on this continent. It is proposed to invite the different Mayors, Wardens and Reeves of Ontario to be present on the occasion, and after they have been shown the works, they be entertained as guests of the city at a dinner, to take place in the evening in the City Hall. Arrangements can be made with the railways to convey all those taking part in the demonstration at half-fare. Your Committee would therefore ask for a grant not exceeding $500, in order to carry the arrangements to a successful issue."

Ald. Egan moved the adoption of the report; seconded by Ald. Glass.

Ald. Vining moved, seconded by Ald. Smyth, that the report be laid on the table, to be taken up by the new Council of 1879.

Ald. Egan withdrew his motion, and asked that the report be allowed to lay over until next meeting.

This was agreed to.

Ald. Powell, chairman of the Hospital and Relief Committee, verbally reported that owing to a difficulty with the contractor for meat, the tender of another butcher had been accepted.

Moved by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the high rate of taxation be reduced by reducing the salaries of all city employees receiving more than $500.

Moved by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that in consequence of the city expenditure exceeding the income, also taking into consideration the high rate of taxes, the salaries of the City Clerk and Chamberlain be reduced to $1,000 per annum, and that the salaries of the other city employees be referred to the Salary Committee for reconsideration and necessity of employment.

Referred to the Salaries Committee.

Ald. Glass moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. T. Peel, that the resolution he referred to the Salaries Committee.

The amendment carried.

Moved by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Christie, that with a view of a saving in the expenditure, also of carrying on a fair and proper system of repairs and improvements, this council take into consideration the advisability of adopting a frontage tax for all work on the public streets. Referred to a committee composed of chairmen of committees and Board of Works.

Ald. Williams moved, seconded by Ald Murray, that all city property not actually required be sold by public auction, the Ross farm and the strips of land on Richmond street from Great Market street to the creek. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Smyth, that a committee be appointed, consisting of the Mayor, and the chairmen of the various committees, to confer with the Board of Works, with a view to devise a more equitable and efficient mode of having necessary and permanent improvements made on our streets and sidewalks. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Smith, whereas an omission appears to have been made in the plans of the waterworks in that no provision is made to supply the residents of the northern part of the Market Square, and as the consumption of water in that locality is likely to be large and the outlay to supply is small, be it therefore resolved that His Worship the Mayor be requested to urge on the Water Commissioners the immediate necessity of laying down a main from Talbot street to the rear of the City Hall, and should they have no available funds the cost be carried forward and charged against revenue accouut. Carried.

Ald. Thos. Peel gives notice that he will move at next meeting that a sum of money be voted for the purpose of purchasing a badge of office for the Mayor to be worn by him during his term of office.

Ald. Glass gives notice that he will move that this Council petition the Local Legislature to have the number of Aldermen for the city of London reduced from 21 to 7.

The Board then adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Dec. 23rd, 1878

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Pritchard, Murray, Powell, Skinner, Regan, Stringer, Keenleyside, Edleston, Glass, Browne, Christie, J. R. Peel, Campbell, Smyth, Vining, Williams and Egan.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed by the Mayor.

Communications were read:

From W. T. T. Williams, Chief of Police, relative to gas lamps being put out earlier than set forth in the terms of agreement. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Mrs. Lee, for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Arthur Brown and others, for the privilege of using part of the river front, between Richmond and Clarence streets, for skating rink purposes. Granted during the pleasure of the Council.

From W. D. Buckle, on behalf of Real Estate Protective Association, relative to the adoption of a new system of collecting taxes; also, as to the duties of the City Clerk. On motion the first part was referred to the Finance Committee; with regard to the latter it was ordered that the Clerk give the necessary information to any citizen who might ask for the same. The communication was thus disposed of on the following vote:—

Yeas.—Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Smyth, Murray, Regan, Glass, Christie, Powell and J. R. Peel.

Nays.—Aldermen Skinner, Edleston, Brown and Williams.

Ald Brown rose to a question of privilege. He claimed that he had been insulted by certain members in the matter of the meeting of committees.

The Mayor explained that the late Ald Rapley had requested Ald. Glass to act in his place on committees before he got better. Death having overtaken Ald. Rapley, Ald. Glass continued to attend to his work on the different committees.

Ald. Glass, having been one of the members referred to by Ald. Brown, replied to the "privilege," and showed that what he (Glass) had done was perfectly legitimate.

Ald. Campbell, chairman, submitted the following report from the Finance Committee.

First—Recommending the payment of accounts to the amount of $1,112.23 for city expenses, as follows:—

Hospital account for Nov	$ 537 51
Relief account, teaming wood, turnips	70 53
Incidentals	39 25
Police Station and Department	48 75
Fire Department	273 44
Scragg's account, two months' salary	30 00
Registry office	7 50
Board of Health	20 25
City Hall expenses	15 00
City Pound, Winder's account	12 50
Woodward, Grant & Co.'s account, lithographing for Police Station	23 50
W. Williams, posting bills	4 00
A. S. Murray, regulating clock	30 00
	$1,112 23

2nd—Your Committee would respectfully recommend that interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum be charged on all unpaid taxes after the 15th day of February, 1879.

3rd—Your Committee would also recommend that $600, with interest, be returned to the lessee of Covent Garden Market, in the event that the contract for 1879 is not awarded to him, the same being money deposited by him as a guarantee for the proper fulfilment of said contract.

Your Committee deem it advisable to report to this Council the cost that alterations and improvements on Jail and Court House amounts to, the following sums be